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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

FROM: Lori Hutchinson, Vaccine Coordinator
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DATE: November 15, 2011

SUBJECT: **2011–2012 VFC Influenza Vaccine Update**

Vaccine Availability

We have now fulfilled all original influenza vaccine orders for the year. With the exception of the last orders of Flu Mist, which will arrive later this week, you should have received all your vaccine for the 2011–2012 flu season. Please contact me, if you have not received your entire order or if you need more vaccine (444-0277 lhutchinson@mt.gov). We have extra doses of most presentations available.

At this point in the season, if you have too much vaccine, we ask that you hold on to your inventory and continue to vaccinate eligible children in your community. The demand for vaccine may increase as the number of influenza cases rise. We will look into redistribution options as the season progresses.

FluMist® Replacement Program

Once again, MedImmune is offering a FluMist® Replacement Program for the 2011–2012 influenza season. Through this program, unused FluMist® purchased through the Montana VFC Program that expires between August 2011 and January 31, 2012 can be replaced at no cost. Providers have from 15 days prior to the expiration date stamped on the sprayer until January 31, 2012 to request replacement doses.

Please see the attached flyer for details and note that the Montana Immunization Program does not administer this program. For more information on how to participate, please use the contact resources on the flyer or contact your MedImmune representative for more information.

Package Insert Correction from sanofi pasteur

Attached is a Dear Doctor letter issued November 14, 2011 by sanofi pasteur that corrects an error in the package insert for their 10 single-dose vials of Fluzone vaccine (NDC 49281-011-10). The letter, which was sent to all customers and is posted on their website, addresses an error in which information in a product comparison table was transposed between columns. The letter explains the error and provides the corrected package insert information.

Please contact sanofi pasteur with any questions at: 1-800-822-2463.

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